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ENTERED AS SECOND CLASS MATTER AT BENTON, MO.

The Republican party "has consti-Xext Mr. Le tions of millions of dollars to its gi- cepting fifty cents on the dollar from plan by which the reading public can is therein it?"

"We, hereby, emphatically voice erument," our opposition to the continuance of Here we have three measures from they are not always able to decide trust domination in the business of- which it is expected to produce ad- which is best for them. fairs of the nation," says the Misson- ditional revenue. On two of theseri platform. "I stayed in Jefferson beer and whiskey-the lieutenant-City several days urging the passage governor gives us his estimate of holds that the secrecy of the ballot highly moral citizens were so indigof what was called the Horse-Breed- probable results. Is it not a little is of greater importance than the nant at his Subbath breaking that of what was called the Rose from the remarkable that he fails to risk his honesty of the bullot. In other Winzer had difficulty in filling a \$100 under oath. But it seems that Mr. reputation as to the probable results words, the court holds that when bond for his appearance in court. Cook's work did not stop at merely of the franchise tax? Is he more fa-ballot boxes are once stuffed with However, he succeeded in getting a ous bill. A few days ago Ex-Gov, and whiskey than with the probable Stephens was interviewed by a St. value of franchises in Missouri? But Louis paper and he said:

it, and gave him no encouragement. This seemed to worry him no little. and he called on two or three occasions thereafter, urging favorable Among the temperance people he deaction on my part. Later henceomoffice to the mansion, and told me that I could do nothing that would why should the sale of it be taxed place him under greater obligation any more than the sale of candies, to me than by signing this bill: that chewing gum or ice cream. If it is a it meant much to him in a financial "vice," then what moral right has way, and that a fee. I think he plac-

"Did you sign the bill?" the ex-'Yes, I signed it finally, and that make of vice a virtue? is the law today, regulation or legalizing pool-selling at the race tracks

"Did Mr. Cook get the \$5,000?" "Well, I cannot answer that, but according to what I have told you. obstacle to his collecting it."

damaging to Mr. Stephens as to Mr. the abolition of the veto power of mass of rottenness and corruption. to it" when Mr. Cook first approach- United States supreme court to upset Butler's "stink factory" and "rethe bill so that Sam Cook might col- of the supreme court. lect his "attorney" fee of \$5,000.

son City, and it is just beginning to suggested. Mr. DeReign seems to AND CONTROL THE PROPLE. Where get stirred properly to out stink overlook the fact that his reforms do you stand on this question? Are

about the "horse-breeder's law" later would the free coinage of silver. Be- Mark the words: "Some special

LINCOLN TO ROOSEVELT. crat-Roosevelt. As a starter, Lincoln was born in a log cabin. Roosemanled rails and did other similar labor in order to keep the wolf from the door. Roosevelt swings clubs and dumb-bells to aid digestion. Lincoln traveled on foot, in wagon, in buggy, or in car with other citizens. Roosevelt has a special train

furnished him free of charge. When Lincoln started out to kill a squirrel he took his old muzzle-loader and dog and made no noise about it. When Roosevelt starts on a hunt he takes a special train and an army of blood-and-thunder fiction writers, and the whole country is an-

noyed for weeks. Lincoln was unassuming, dignified and courageous. Roosevelt is spectacular, egotistic and blantant.

Yes, its a long way from the first Republican president to the present

IT will be hard to convince Missourians that Cleveland Democracy is an improvement over Mark Hanna Republicanism.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATION. Last June Lieut.-Gov. Lee publish-

to read some real fiction—something lientenant governor's "synopsis" appear in the metropolitan paper of of right or wrong was always a first that will make their hair stand on is the Taxation of Franchises, which his particular political faith. The consideration, but today it is differend-they should get a copy of the law Mr. Lee declares to be "strong Democratic politicians tell all about ent. In politics, in business and in Pust state platform of the Missouri and explicit, authorizing and require how corrupt the Republicans are religion, as a rule, the one standard Democracy and compare the declaring the state board of equalization and the Democrats shout. The Reprevalls: "What is there in it?" ations and promises with actual results. First read the platform, and
franchise values of quasi public corthen compare it with Sam Cook's porations." "This law," Mr. Lee Republicans shout. And so it goes. and far between. From our highest testimony in the Cardwell case as it concludes, "it is estimated, will bring Their whole "argument" is directed officials to the crossroads politician; appears on the first page of this an increase of the state revenue, to prove that it is the other fellow from college professors to the teacher

and from other sources," is the sub- about \$300,000 per annum or more," close to the truth.

"After the bill was passed and was falls heaviest on "huxuries and placed upon my desk. Chairman vices." Here the lieutenant-governdrinking element he wishes to be understood as classing the use of Democratic ticket. The fact that But Winzer was yanked up and beer and whiskey as "luxuries." sires to be understood as regarding it as "vice." If it is a luxury, then "vice," then what moral right has ed it at \$5,000, would be due him the great state of Missouri to depend when my signature was attached to upon its vices for revenue? Does the payment of a tax right a wrong? Does the payment of so many dollars

SILVER A LIVE ISSUE!

In a recent interview Ex-Representhat while he was a strong advocate my signing the bill removed the only of the silver cause, yet he believed court. That the men who instigated that other reforms were of more ur- and are responsible for the frauds "absolutely false," but it does not the silver question was useless at seem reasonable that Mr. Stephens present, because of the overwhelming would give out such a statement Republican majority in congress in unless it was true, for it is quite as opposition to it. He said he favored turn the light of heaven upon that ed him, then he should tell the peo- the acts of congress. He believes ple why and how he happened to be- that the acts of the representatives come "favorable." From this inter- of the people in congress assembled view one would judge that he signed should be above and beyond the axe Either the people MUST OWN AND CON-

Jefferson City.

duced."

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Citizen, you have your choice.

Hence the high-collared gentleman

as the occasion may demand, is not

Ex-Gov. STEPHENS IS VERY "SORE" at the State-house ring and the corrupt Democratic machine which he

rupt Democratic machine which he

caught in his own trap. So long as he had power and "pie" the machine

recognized him. When the power

and "pie" vanished the machine

kicked him overboard. And now the

ex-governor is appealing to the peo-

TROL railroads and other natural

Where many evils exist it is also monopolies, or else the railroads and Ah, it's a pretty mess up at Jeffer-probable that many remedies will be other natural monopolies will own would meet with quite as much op- you one of the people, or are you the The Kicker will tell its readers all position in the present congress as beneficiary of some special privilege. cause the silver cause has twice suf- privilege." These words indicate fered defeat is no reason for its abanthat a man need not own stock in a It's a long jump from that great donment. Mr. Bryan says "the railroad or other corporation to be commoner-Lincoln-to the aristo-money question will never be settled enjoying a "special privilege." The until it is settled right," and because man who rides on a free pass has a it has suffered temporary defeat privilege the great mass of people eoln was born in a log cabin. Roose-velt was born in a Twentieth street velt was born in a Twentieth street son why the people should lose sight also pay for those who do not pay.

That the money question is a live who glides over the country on soand all-important issue is evidenced called free transportation is doing by the daily carpings of the capital- his traveling at the expense of those istic press. Although they have the who pay, and you will always hear president and both houses of con- him defending railroad and corporgress, they yet seem to be treading ate interests. They avoid the payon live coels. Every issue contains ment of railroad fares just as they something intended to strengthen avoid the payment of taxes. It may the cause of the gold standard, all be summed up in the word "in-Every issue tells us of the importa-tions of gold; of the discovering of new gold fields; of our favorable bors to vote this way or that way, trade balances; of the enormous bank clearings; of our restored con- likely to get a free pass. tidence; of our unparalelled credit; of the steady stock market; of our general prosperity, etc., etc. All this is silver agitation and cause people to be contented with the British gold ernor is not to be pitied. He got intended to throw cold water on the standard.

But the silver question will not be settled until it is settled right. The people's money must be returned to the people.

The President's message to Con-ple to "turn the rescals out." Next week the Kamer will give the grees contains WORDS. It appears ought to have thought of this when facts about congressional primary. to be a genuine trust-made article. it was in us power to do so.

HOW TO GET AT FACTS, Certainly the reading public is In this age of commercialism, in ed a synopsis of the enactments of much imposed upon—especially so the last legislature. He tried to far as political news is concerned, be the one shining mark which all are make it appear as if the legislature The Democrat takes a Democratic eager to reach, the question of right had accomplished something, but metropolitan newspaper and depends or wrong is relegated to the rear, beyond the arbitration act there is upon it for information. The Republican metropolisidered is, "What is there in it?"

though to what extent it is difficult who is the ruscal! There is no effort in the "little red schoolhouse;" from made at reasoning. Only the preju- the minister in the tabernacle to the tuted the lenders of trust as the leaders of its party in the nation, Tax compromise with the breweries, and not their intelligence.

Next Mr. Lee takes up the Beer dices of the people are appealed to—circuit rider; in fact, lawyers, doctors and men of every calling and station and accepted from them contribut and lands the administration for ac- It might be well to here suggest a in life bow to the inevitable, "What

We got \$6,000 from H. S. Priest, lawand, for some unaccountable rea- istic newspaper and believe what it money he is regarded as respectable 'attorney' for the St. Louis Transit son, failed. He defends the reduction says about the Democrats. Let a -no matter how he got it. If he has Company: \$2,100 from W. H. Phelps, of the tax by saying that the rate Republican read a Democratic capit- no money, he is regarded as a failure 'attorney' for the Missouri Pacific: fixed by the former legislature was alistic newspaper and believe what it in life-although he may be the very \$1,000 from John H. Carroll, 'at- "oppressive," and concludes that "it says about the Republicans. Treat counterpart of Christ. But it was so torney for the Burlington; \$2,500 is estimated that this law will bring the politicians in the same way. By when our Lord was on earth, and it from the brewers, and several thous- a revenue into the state treasure of this method both will get mighty is only a case of history repeating itself. The devil that betrayed and stance of what the late chairman of Then he takes up the Whiskey Tax The rank and file of all political sold Christ for thirty pieces of silver the Democratic state committee and says: "It is estimated that parties want to do what is best for nineteen centuries ago is the same says under outh in the Cardwell case. this bill will produce about \$125,000 all. The Republican farmer, laborer devil that is betraying and bartering And Bill Phelps and John Carroll per amum revenue, and the measure or mechanic is as much opposed to a away the rights of His children towere sent as delegates to the nation- is along the widely approved policy bad government as is the Democratic day. However, the devil of nineteen al convention to select a Democratic of making the luxuries and vices of farmer, laborer or mechanic. But so centuries ago was satisfied with the people pay the expense of gov- many are mislead by the rantings of silver. Today nothing but gold party organs and politicians that goes.

SUNDAY WORK.

The supreme court of Missouri ed for working on Sunday, and the "urging" the passage of this infam- miliar with the consumption of beer fraud there is no way of unstuffing butcher of that city, who sells meat died with. It must remain secret, then some uncultured citizens took Mr. Lee prides himself that the tax That is the latest decision as handed the position that it didn't look right down by Judge Marshall-the man to arrest a poor farmer for doing Cook called to urge its approval. At or makes a double play. Among the thousands of dollars to "nominate" and allow the Sunday baseball playwhom the corporations spent chores about his place on Sundays for supreme judge of Missouri on the ers to go unmolested.

Judge Marshall is a Republican, and made to feel the "strong arm of the so. No one would expect the official that he paraded and marched with law,"notwithstanding the fact that Republican clubs with Ziegenhein at on the same day on which he violatthe head, did not prevent him from ed the Sabbath thousands of employgetting a place on the Democratic es of street and steam railways, ticket along with J. M. Seibert and steamboats and other corporations other great "commoners" who have did the same thing-even in the city spent their lives in holding down fat of Mexico, Mo.,—and none of these necessary to a thorough understand-That the election in St Louis in the day law only apply to the "small

ished, is the fault of our supreme Bryan brand, as set forth in the Kansas City platform, or the Dockery-Seibert-Francis-Wells brand, as But the secrecy of the ballot must not be disturbed. It wouldn't do to

REAL FICTION.

the increased taxation saddled upon the people,

the people,

The first matter mentioned in the field to rescend the "facts" as they little log school house the question

gantle corruption fund," says the the brewers after they had tried to come nearer to the facts. Let a lt is a bad state of affairs—this Democratic platform of Missouri, defeat the constitutionality of the Democrat read a Republican capital worship of money. If a man has

At Mexico, Mo., a farmer by the name of Godfrey Winzer was arrestthem. The fraud must not be med- on Sunday, to sign his bond, and there is one thing sure: Gov. Dock-

fall of 1900 and in the spring of 1901 fry?" was an outrage will not be denied by THERE seem to be various brands

with the facts. That the gigantic frauds then committed cannot be where he is at. In Missouri we have tative DeReign, of this county, said reached, and the perpetrators punt the alternative of accepting the hind the plow" they will wonder what Of course Mr. Cook denounces the gent necessity. He gave it as his are men in high political standing is dished out by the St. Louis Republic. chise tax law isn't worth the pastatements of the ex-governor as opinion that the further agitation of Loffenson City.

Under the present administration per it is written on. Were it other and Choice Cigars. only those of the latter brand were wise it would be necessary to go permitted to "belly up" to the pie through the motion of declaring it counter with satisfactory results. "unconstitutional."

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